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## *HONOR CENTENARY LANDING OF "BROOKLYN" IN SAN FRANCISCO*

The San Francisco and Alameda camps of the daughters of Utah Pioneers paid their respects on Wednesday, July 31, to the 238 L.D.S. pioneers who on July 31, 1846 set foot on American soil at old Yerba Buena now San Francisco, from the good ship "Brooklyn" after six months of a weary sea voyage from New York.

Captain Ruby Elwood of the San Francisco camp and Captain La Ree Tolman of the Alameda County Camp with about fifty "Daughters", and three men including "ye editor", observed the historic occasion by visiting in a body three outstanding points of interest in the City of San Francisco touching upon the landing of of the famous "Brooklyn" colony.

Meeting at the delightfully compact Wells Fargo Museum of Western History they viewed the objects, maps and old pictures of the days of "forty-nine" in the Golden State that are now open to the public in a special room on the ground floor of the Wells Fargo Bank on Montgomery Street. This visit was made more pleasant by the courtesies extended by Miss Simpson and Mrs. Harroun of the Museum staff. Leaving the Wells Fargo Museum the group took cars to Portsmouth Square, where on the lawns and and under the shade of an old tree, (yes, readers for once the shade felt good in S.F.), lunches were nibbled. Photographs were taken while the party stood around the flag pole and marker which mark the spot where on July 9, 1846 (about three weeks earlier than the arrival of the Brooklyn) Commodore Montgomery and his marines took over the land for the United States.

After an hour of rest and refreshment on Portsmouth Square (which by the way, is named in honor of the flagship of Commodore Montgomery), the "Daughters" made their way afoot six to eight blocks in a northeast direction to the spot where the travel-weary colony first touched foot on the soil of California. There today at the northeast corner of Battery and Broadway Streets is found a brass marker, two feet by two feet, set flush with the sidewalk pavement and identifying that place as the landing spot of the first American colony in this state under the Stars and Stripes.

The plaque reads:

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## *Pioneer Day Celebration*

From all reports, the various Ward and Stake celebrations commemorating Pioneer Day, July 24, were most successful. Stake MIA officers advise that Marsh Creek proved to be the scene of great sport and activity for Berkeley, Claremont and the two Wards in Richmond. Highlights were the ball game, swimming and the relay races. In the evening the crowd was entertained with an excellent program, under the direction of June Nielsen of Claremont Ward. Other Wards held fine celebrations.

It is well that once a year we devote a day to the memory of the valiant hearts who were, in a great measure, responsible for many of the blessings enjoyed today by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Next year, 1947, will mark the 100th anniversary, the first centennial of their arrival in Salt Lake Valley. Our far-sighted leaders are already formulating plans for that important day. We must then remind the entire nation, and even the world, of the accomplishments of those noble, great and good souls who conqured the desert wastes because they were asked by the Lord to do so. We here in California can appreciate the sacrifice it was for many of the loyal pioneers, who, knowing full well the riches of California, were true to their leaders and remained in the wilderness of the Rock Mountains. Perhaps they saved the church. Who knows?

## My Conversion

**BY LELAND J. BYERS**
**Pittsburg, California**

The foundation for my conversion was gradually laid throughout most of my life before entering the Armed Forces. Although I knew very little about the doctrine and principles of our Church, I was always favorably impressed with the Mormon people in my home town, (Fruita, Colo.). They were always the finest and most respectable class of people and I enjoyed the friendship of several of their boys and girls my age.

During my time in the Service, I spent a year on the Island of Mau, Hawaii. Here I met Elder Orville C. Hancock from Provo, Utah, who had just filled a Mission in Arkansas. We were in the same barracks and soon became close buddies. Orville called me the "Dry Land Mormon" because my only real bad habit was an occasional beer, and I found that very easy to give up.

We attended Sunday morning services and Tuesday evening M.

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## Portsmouth Square, S. F., July 31, 1946

**About 50 "Daughters" of Utah Pioneers and friends celebrated landing of "Brooklyn" Colony at S. F. one hundred years ago.**

## Green and Gold Ball Queen

**Miss Bonnie Shields, member of Oakland Ward all her life, daughter of Bishop John G. Shields, was chosen Stake Queen of the Green and Gold Ball this year. She began studying dancing at the age of 13, and after graduating from Technical High School, danced professionally. Bonnie now owns her own Studio, located at 43rd and Grove Street, teaching tap, ballet and acrobatics. She also teaches a Sunday School Class, and is Ward Dancing Instructor.**

## *Message By A High Counselor*

**COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE**

"Until death do you part," or "As long as ye both shall live:" what a sad, discouraging ending to any happy, successful marriage! It is a divorce decree obligatory at death. How unhappy and lonely will such be throughout the ages of eternity, who here loved their wedded spouse and children!

The couple looking forward to a lovely home and a noble posterity will want to lay carefully the foundation by pure L. D. S. courtship, climaxed by the most beautiful wedding ceremony that is possible. Then if that marriage is joyful and successful, one will want it to continue beyond the grave.

Suppose one marries outside of our lovely temples, and having passed middle age, the children, all married, the couple begin to wonder about the hereafter and decide to covenant with each other to continue the marriage beyond this mortal sphere. Is that all that is necessary?

The Doc. and Cov. (132:12-17) says concerning thase married for this life only: "And everything that is in the world that is not by me or by my word shall be thrown down and shall not remain after men are dead—for whatsoever things remain are by me. Therefore if a man marry a wife—not by my word, their covenant and marriage are not of force when they are dead. When they are out or the world they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are appointed ministering angels, therefore they remain separately and singly without exhaltation through all eternity."

In verse 18 the Lord says specifically that if a couple make a covenant of themselves for eternity is it of no force; it is not valid.

What glorious promises are made to those who are married according to God's plan and through His authority and who remain faithful to the end! "Then shall they be Gods because they have all power and because they have no end!" (Read D. & C. 132:-19-21).

In selecting a life partner, a most important step, a careful study of eugenics, the advice of parents, of the bishop, and other competent adults is in order, and above all is divine guidance, through fervent fasting and prayer invaluable.

Young folks, remember that your parents are at least as much concerned as you are regarding the full success of your marriage. Be frank and confidential with them. Be guided by those who love you.

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## Bishop's Talk About Tabernacle

**By THOS. S. FERGUSON**

Recently the Mesenger contacted several Bishops for their attitudes regarding the proposed Stake Tabernacle. The opinions were varied and interesting.

Bishop Denzel Allen of Berkeley said, "It will be wonderful opportunity for the young people of the Church from all parts of this great area to get acquainted.

The young men and women and boys and girls of Berkeley, for example, will have excellent opportunities to meet other LDS young people from Hayward to Vallejo. Many outstanding recreational, social and athletic events will bring them together in the new Tabernacle. Undoubtedly, this beautiful and useful structure will be a contributing factor toward many a wholesome romance. I have long felt it unfortunate that our Church people in the East Bay have largely lost contacts with the Saints of San Francisco. Perhaps the new Tabernacle will prevent any aditional decentralization in this region—such a wonderful building could easily accommodate the activities of two or more Stakes."

Bishop Dennis Lauper of Dimond declared: "The Tabernacle will be of great assistance to me as a Bishop. It will mean bigger and better Stake Conferences and gatherings. More people will receive the messages and spirit of our leaders. It will strengthen us socially too, for it will cost very little to sponsor the most excellent activities. For many years one of the larger items of expense connected with our Stake dancing parties has been the high cost of renting suitable halls. As I understand it, the building plans call for a even larger and more refined recreation hall than we have been able to rent at any price."

Oakland Ward's Bishop, J. Rulon Doxie is very enthusiastis. "It will be fiine to have a great cento which all of our people may point with pride. We are now a numerous people in this area and it is time we had something representative of the great building spirit of the Church. Until the Tabernacle is completed we will not have in the Bay Area a single really outstanding structure which equals the best our friends and neighbors outside the Church offer. We should stand high in spiritual, recreational, welfare and social leadership here in California. The new Tabernacle will certainly be an inspiration for our

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## M-Men and Gleaner Girl Dude Ranch Party

The big fun event for the young people of the Oakland Stake this summer is the Dude Ranch Party at the $2,500,000 famous Old Hearst Ranch near Pleasanton. Saturday, August 17th, is the day. All young people of the Stake are invited, the affair being sponsored by the Stake M-Men and Gleaner officers. Swimming, horseback riding, golf and dancing will be enjoyed.

According to Helen Burdett, Committee Chairman, those attending should either bring their own lunch or plan to pay extra at the Ranch dining room. (Ed. note: If you don't take your own lunch, plan to part with about $2.50 for a chicken dinner in a beautiful dining room). Soft drinks will be on the MIA—free!

Here's how to find the Ranch. Drive to Dublin. Inquire there for Highway 21 which goes directly from the town of Dublin to the Ranch. You can't miss it! The Ol' Rancho is tremendous and covers 510 acres of hill and valley.

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You must buy your tickets in advance. See your local Ward Gleaner leaders or contact Helen Burdett any evening at HUmbolt 0172, or write her at 5818 Clover Drive, Oakland. DON'T MISS THIS OUTSTANDING EVENT. Play millionaire for a day.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

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## *Elmhurst Ward News*

**Brief Sketch of the Life of Patriarch Harry R. Fletcher**

On a cattle range (a ranch) in Texas, Harry R. Fletcher was born May, 1874.

In his early 'teens his mother entered him in a Military Academy where he remained for a period of three years. Shortly after this education he left home, and followed various pursuits and vocations, chief among which was railroading. After considerable travel he came to California, where he met Winifred Grace Horswill, whom he married in 1897. Five sons blessed this union.

Shortly after his marriage, the family moved to Seattle, where Brother Fletcher engaged in the insurance business; and for fifteen years he continued in this field in Seattle, Salt Lake City, and Provo. Before leaving Salt Lake City the family joined the Church on December 16, 1916.

Elder Fletcher enlisted in World War I, and with Colonel Prince, U. S. A. he installed a Battery of French Seventy F's National Guard, and was appointed First Sergeant of the Battery, and Armory Custodian. Later he was selected as first delegate from Utah to a convention at Minneapolis, Minn.

After several years of inactivity in the Church he became an ardent worker, holding various positions, his special interest being the Aaronic Priesthood work. In 1930 he was ordained a High Priest and received in 1944, the high calling of Patriarch of the Oakland Stake, a position which he now holds.

Patriarch Harry R. Fletcher has endeared himself to the people of this Stake for his unselfish service, his ability to make friends, and his sincere and genuine interest in the welfare of others. His wife has been an inspiration throughout her life, a true Mother of Israel, and a faithful, modest companion. May they both see many more years of service.

On the 17th of August (Saturday) a group of M-Men and Gleaners will attend the Stake M-Men and Gleaner outing at the Old Hearst Ranch. We welcome all young people to join with us in these and all future events.

Tuesday, August 20th, dance at Elmhurst Ward.

Tuesday, August 27th, game night at Arroyo Viejo Park.

Our Fireside Group is showing a very sincere interest in the discussions on "PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE."

The Primary Association conducted the program at our Sunday evening meeting August 4th. The newly-appointed President, Lavina Bedner, presented graduation certificates to six young ladies. Alice Bauer conducted the program. Theme presented in dialogue was "A HOME BUILDERS HOME," by the graduating class. Sister Baysinger gave an inspirational musical reading and poems were read by Brother John Nelson.

## *My Conversion*

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I. A. in the town of Wailuku. Sunday evening we held a Sacrament meeting in camp. After studying the Gospel for about six months and at the same time enjoying the splendid friendship and brotherly love which is present among all Latter Day Saints, Brother Hancock baptized and confirmed me a member of this true Church of Christ.

Since that day (March 18, 1945) my testimony has been strengthened continuously, and not once have I had the slightest doubt as to the truth of the Gospel which we as Latter Day Saints have the privilege of embracing.

I am the only person in either of my wife's family or my own who is a member of this Church, so I am anxiously praying for the day when they shall share my joy by going down into the waters of baptism.

## *HONORARY CENTENARY LANDING OF BROOKLYN IN SAN FRANCISCO*

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PURPOSES, TWO COMPLETE FLOUR MILLS, PLOWS, HARROWS, AND A SUPPLY OF IMPLEMENTS FOR SETTLING THE NEW COLONY.

"THE DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEERS OF SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY, "JULY 31, 1940".

Signing ye editor's register were the following members of the party at the commemorating exercises July 31, 1946 sketched above:

Hilda Perkins and Lulu E. Reading (the mother of these two was a three-year old passenger on the Brooklyn), Ruby Elwood, Gladys R. Winter, Mildred P. Morgan, Frances Hudson, Elva R. Bybee, Rebecca Ashby, Serena B. Farnsworth, Hazel H. Allen, Edna Torgersen, Mirian Lee, La Ree Tolman, LaVon B. Johnson, Ida E. Holmes, Janette O. Barrett, Winnifed L. Phelps, Laura E. Friel, Daphne D. Olson, Ruth R. Shurtleff, Rhoda B. Briggs, May Casper, Lovina Weston Jackson, Florence A. Galbraith, Catherine W. Pearson, May Belle H. Anderson, Grace Harkins, Vera Harkins, Katie R. Sadler, Clara S. Gleason, Pearl Meine, LaPrele Hoeft, Roselle Jenkel, Minnie F. Ellsworth, Amelia D. Everett, Catherine J. Matheson, Sadie Wright, Annaleone Patton, Carl Bowles, Eugenie Daniels, Mrs. H. A. Van Noy, Mrs. Leon F. Liddell, Leon F. Liddell, and Isaac B. Ball.

## *Walnut Creek News*

We are young, but we're growing!

Talbert Hansen was baptized into our church recently, the first baptism performed since the transfer of the Branch to the Oakland Stake. Brother Hansen and Elaine Evans will be married on August 10th. Women of the Branch entertained at a shower for Elaine on July 31st.

We are happy to have Emery Ranker, Jr., President of the Senior class, back with us. He was operated on recently.

Walnut Creek and Martinez celebrated Utah Day at Pacheco Park on July 23rd. Many thanks to Horace Cherrington for the watermelons.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Osborn extended hospitality to two of our classes in July. The Senior group enjoyed an evening of games and barbecue supper there, and the First Intermediate class met for a barn party and evening of entertainment in honor of the birthday of Dennis Craig.


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## *Claremont Ward News*

Keith Gaisford will be leaving early in September for the Mission Home and from there to France for his mission. Keith recently became engaged to Margarite Gibson.

Here are more details about **Claremont's Birthday Party.** Our reunion will be held at the Berkeley Ward Chapel **AUGUST 28TH.** Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. A program follows, then games and dancing. If you have ever lived in the Ward, come "Join our Celebration!"

Primary Conference was held Sunday ,August 4th. Graduates were Sandra Tucker, Phoebe Brown, and Enid Wood.

All Elders in the Ward are invited to join the exceent discussions held Sunday mornings in their Priesthood class. Really, they're good!

The recent outing at Marsh Creek in which Claremont participated was so successful the members are campaigning for more parties out there.

Saturday night, August 3rd, the Ward Fireside had a fun swimming party at the Berkeley Women's City Club, and afterwards roasted weinies and marshmallows around a fire in the Ream's back yard in Berkeley.

The Heber Browns are vacationing in North Dakota.

The Carrs have returned after spending a month in Yosemite "roughing it."

You'll all be glad to know that Betty Coles is much better.

## *E. Richmond Ward News*

Tuesday, August 29, the East Richmond Ward enjoyed a most delightful night. Community singing and dancing followed an excellent program of readings, instrumental and vocal selections. We were honored with three duet numbers sung by Brother and Sister Ray L. Halverson of Salt Lake City, who were visiting here. They are members of the Tabernacle Choir. The Fire Side Group has taken over the next five Tuesday evenings and invites every one to come and participate.

Pioneer Day was celebrated by the Primary Children with a parade. Dressed in styles of the Pioneers with covered wagons and floats made by the children they attracted considerable attention as they paraded through the streets of Richmond. They had police protection and their pictures were taken and printed in the Richmond Independent.

The Primary is working hard in preparation of the Operetta, Little Black Sambo, to be given at the Harvest Festival on August 20.

The Relief Society held its monthly work day, August 14th. A pot-luck lunch was served. The huge completed Welfare Budget was displayed and knitting materials and teachers were available for all who want to learn to knit.

Little LaVern Horn had a very narrow escape this week when she drank her prescription for nose drops. Twenty-four hours in an oxygen tent brought her out of danger.

### L. D. S. INSTITUTE AT U. C. OPENS IN SEPTEMBER

Dr. Frank West, Church Commisioner of Education, was in Berkeley recently. It is learned that legal title to the Le Conte Street Hearst mansion now resides in the Church, thanks to the services of W. Glenn Harmon, attorney. Possession of the property will come September 1, and opening of the Institute will follow later in the month. No announcement of the Institute's Director has been received to date.


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# 'Roscoe W.' Reminisces About 'Ross'

By "Roscoe W." is meant Roscoe W. Eardley of the General Welfare Committee of the Church, able speaker at Quarterly Conferences, a former Bishop and Mission President, well loved everywhere, genial and understanding. By "Ross" is meant Roscoe P. Eardley, the son, and former young Army lieutenant and now, July 1946, a L. D. S. Missionary, aged twenty-two.

Quoted reminiscences are from a July, 1946 letter to "Dear I. B. and Rachel," (Roscoe W., be it known, is ye editor's boyhood and lifelong pal) quoted here as faith promoting words, also sweetended by a deep, worshipful father-love.

"It is mid afternoon of July 4th. This has been one of the most unusual July holidays that I have ever spent. Ross left for his mission field last night. He took with him such things as he thought he would need but most of the clothes and miscellaneous items he brought home from the war, he left just where he last placed them, and so this morning Ella and I have been going over his things and deciding what disposition we should make of them or how they shall be kept until he returns in two years from now. Everything we picked up seemed to be alive with memories, chiefly born of the letters which he wrote to us while in the service.

"For example, his heavy marching boots and his barracks bag. The boots seemed to speak and say: 'On November 27, 1944 I was up at the front. At first everything seemed rather easy, and then I suddenly realized that my buddies around me were getting hurt and some of them were getting killed, and I realized that this was no longer play. We fought in the rain and mud. I have never been more miserable. Day after day I lived in foxholes. I lay in the mud without any protection. The rain poured upon me. In the fox hole my companions were my K rations and my rifle. But I guess I shouldn't complain for I went through it all without a scratch. I lost everything that was not fastened to my body—my tooth brush, my air mail stamps, my fountain pen and all my equipment. I became separated from my outfit. I'll probably have a tough time when I get back to it again, but I am okay. For some reason I seem to have a calm assurance of security and a feeling of absolute confidence that the rest of the fellows do not have. I know that the Lord is guiding me through this thing and I can feel His presence giving me that knowledge of peace and security.'

"Then I picked up his heavy overcoat, intended to keep him warm and dry, but the overcoat spoke and said: 'It is Christmas Eve, 1944 but due to the fact that cold feet demanded the stockings, we didn't even hang our stockings up, but in the spirit of the season, we did stay up all night waiting, not for Santa Claus, but for the presents that the enemy might decide to send us. But at last Christmas morning dawned bright and cold. We were given the opportunity of coming out of the fox holes and attending church. It was a small church service in an old stone church. It was cold. There was no fire. The chaplain said if the seats were too cold to sit upon we might remain standing. And so we stood and sang a few Christmas carols. The chaplain spoke a few words, but it was indeed a most inspiring Christmas service. There was more Christmas spirit in that little meeting than in any meeting or Christmas program that I have ever attended. Even though Christmas, 1944 was one of the most miserable I have ever spent, because of its physical hardships, it is one that I will never forget. In future years, when I am celebrating more jubilant Christmases, I will remember that dirty, ragged, unshaven group of men standing in that old, little stone church (in Belgium). The mists that formed around their lips as they sang indicated that they were cold, but I know that their hearts were warm. That day Jesus Christ meant more to me than he had ever meant before in all my life.'

"The bed roll was tenderly spread out by Ella and myself, and then folded again, to be put in a trunk, (with moth repellant) until Ross returns from his mission. It, too, spoke: 'It was early in January, 1945. I was sent up to help block the road during Von Runsteadt's sudden thrust. It was dreadfully cold, but I was so tired that I lay down in a very shallow fox hole, only 15 feet from the road. A company of Nazi's marched down the road. They did not see me, or, if they did, thought I was harmless and passed me by. Then I joined my companions (during the night) and we worked hard to dig in, but the ground was frozen and the terrain so hard naturally that we dug a hole only six feet long and about two feet deep, although we worked all night. When daylight came, some of my buddies went back down the road to a farm house to get warm, but most of us remained to continue our task. We were gathered around the hole we had dug. Suddenly a German shell burst in our midst and all of us, but one, was either killed or wounded. Eight of my companions lay on the road, not dead, but so badly wounded they could not move. The enemy fire continued, but I remained to help my buddies. The official records of the army says that I saved the lives of seven of them. Then I was taken to the rear and then to the hospital in Paris.'

"We picked up an Eisenhower packet. 'I protected Ross,' it said, 'all the way from the Roer to within 50 miles of Berlin, but today, May 12, 1945, I am no longer in the 84th division. About a week ago, after many goodbyes, I left the dear old rail-splitters. I can't say that I was exactly happy to leave. It was a hard job saying goodbye to my friends. Combat had brought us very close together. After eight months of misery, facing the enemy, knowing some failures and living together in foxholes, barns and tents, I had really become attached to my friends. I and they had lost all sense of pride and show. We knew each other for what we actually were and for what each had actually done. It was like no other parting I have ever experienced. It was infinitely harder than you can imagine. I was leaving the friends I had known through the training camps, school and combat, and the fact that there were **only four of us left** after passing through it all, only made the parting harder. I left behind me the squad I had led in combat since crossing the Roer. It was a good outfit and I was one of the old men and knew everybody. I had a good rating and was one of the so-called "big shots" of the platoon. I was well known, well liked and just when things in general were nicely set up, I am called upon to leave it all. The rating of sergeant, which I worked so hard to get, now means nothing. Why did I leave my soft life in the front to become a Lieutenant in the Army?'

"There were several other pieces of apparel, each with its story to tell, but this letter is getting too long and they cannot be called to speak today. However, we should perhaps let the Lieutenant's uniform say a few words: 'For the first time since I came overseas, I have had a chance to look up old friends whom I knew in the States, but whom I have not seen since our last L.D.S. group meeting in Louisiana. It is amazing how they have been protected in the face of the many dangers this division has been through. One is one of five of the original men of his company. Another, a platoon leader, promised his men that they would all return to the States. To date that platoon has had no casualities. A former group leader, who is a returned missionary, and who has had contact with most of our men (L. D. S.) says that as far as he knows, not one of our group has been killed or seriously wounded. I asked him how he accounted for this. He said that it is simple. It is all a matter of having enough faith in God to keep His commandments'."

# GENEALOGICAL EXCHANGE

RULES:

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Q-1. CONANT. Data desired on Henry C. Conant, died Soldiers Home, Sawtelle, California, Feb. 7, 1920.

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Q-4. BAXTER. Data desired on Robert Baxter, b. 1840, at Becles, Suffolk, England, d. April 9, 1904. First wife, Ann Marie Colby, b. Oct. 24, 1838, Lowestoff, England, d. April 24, 1873. Second wife, Sarah Folk, b. 1875. Son of Benjamin Baxter and Hanna Goodchild.

Q-5. UNDERHILL. Data desired on Robert Underhill, Tetbury, Glouchester, England, d. Jan. 6, 1907. Son of Wm. Underhill and Marie Nixon.

Q-6. LAMB. b. March 6, 1831. Tetbury, Glouchester, Eng. d. September 24, 1810, daughter of James Lamb and Mary Brittle.

# Bishop's Talk About Tabernacle

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people in their march forward; and it will be a marvelous facility for carying out the important projects asigned to us by the General Authorities of the Church."

"I have always been a great booster for the recreation and athletic progam of the Church," says Bishop Robert Paine of Maxwell Park. "We have virtually led all other Churches in this field, as well as in Boy Scout work and all other things pertaining to wholesome activities for young people. To maintain our enviable position we must continually keep ahead by offering the finest possible recreation centers. The new Tabernacle fills the needs of this East Bay area. I'm for it 100 per cent. And we must not lose sight of the fact that this excellent structue will speak for itself as a missionary for the Church; and all of the events and activities to be held there will do likewise. I'm sure it will draw the attention of tens of thousands of persons to our work. And the glory will be the Lord's."

Bishop Timothy Morley is of the opinion the structure will have even greater worth to Richmond Church members as a social center than it will as a religious edifice. "People will readily travel endless miles for a good time whereas sometimes it is difficult to interest them in going long distances for more serious purposes. Church members in Richmond will probably rely primarily on the Ward meeting halls for religious life, but there is a great need for a real social and recreational center for the Bay Area."

From Elmhurst's Bishop Ray Darton, we hear the folowing: "The need for the Tabernacle is unquestioned. When the Mormon people see a need for something the custom is to set about the task with eager hearts and helping hands. Let's get on with the task at hand—let's have the new Tabernacle at an early date. It will be a joy to all and the Lord will be pleased with our work."

# *Message by a High Counselor*

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Do we not owe them at least this much deference?

Your prospective children are concerned in your marriage even more than you are, for like begets like. It is not your affair only, it concerns future generations yet unborn.

Consider briefly the marriage of Isaac and Rebecca. Parents and others gave wise guidance; it was an eugenic marriage, scientifically sound, a superior man and a superior woman; it was marked by social equality, similar culture, like traditions, the same standards of life and tastes, and, above all, the same religious beliefs. There was beautiful romance, filled with the thrills of loving hearts. They came to each other pure, clean, full of virtue and wholesome living. For all these reasons the marriage of Isaac and Rebecca was eminently successful, yielding the most desirable posterity the world has known.

Marriage is a partnership of the highest order; while there will be much joy, yet much sorrow will come and sometimes souls will be deeply tried. All smooth sailing is unlikely; many storms will descend. Loving sympathy, patience, long suffering, unselfishness and self control are ever needed.

Climax a lovely courtship by a beautiful marriage in one of God's holy temples.

—Nathan G. Tolman

# *Children's Corner*

**Conducted by Minerva Bailey**

**MY CAT**

I have a cat its name is Mittens. It has white paws. It has a black spot on one paw. Mittens had some kittens, one black kitten and three gray ones. One of the gray ones has a pink nose and pink paws. They all have blue eyes.—Bobby Martin, age 9, Maxwell Park Ward.

Taking advantage of an extra meeting day in March the East Richmond Ward Primary held a hobby show on Saturday, March 30th. Arranged attractively on tables in the recreation hall were dolls, doll collections, stuffed animals, plane, boat, and car models, drawings, scrap books, soap carvings, leather tooling, shell jewelry, figurine collections, articles from foreign countries, a greeting card collection, and many individual handcraft pieces. Twenty-four ribbons were awarded for prizes. Sister Grace Hopkins showed several reels of animated cartoons and home movies before the show. Ice cream cones for all concluded the event. A hobby show in 1947 is already on the program.—E. Richmond Ward.

When nine-year-old Arnold Boe ate his ice cream cone at our Hobby Show he said, "Why, this cone is filled up all the way to the bottom."—E. Richmond Ward.

When it was decided that a Junior Sunday School would be held on Fast Sundays, Brother Gardner went to the classes of the small children to explain to them why they were to go to their class rooms and what they were to do on Fast Sundays each month. One precocious young man wanted to know, "What do we do on SLOW Sundays?"—Berkeley Ward.

Among the four-year-olds: Immediately after Sunday School a valiant little Eddie approached his mother anxiously and said, "Let's take Susan home with us." His mother, upon realizing that Susan was a classmate of the same tender age as Eddie, asked, "Why?" "Because," replied Eddie, "She has such a sweet face."—Berkeley Ward.


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## Oakland Ward News

**"William Bank's Biography"**

Born in Jacksonville, Texas on a farm, "Bill" enjoyed the sports of all the country boys. His favorite sports were squirrel hunting, basketball, snake and possum hunting, and baseball. His mother died when he was 14, and soon afterwards he worked in a grocery store. He joined the U. S. Navy when 18, and came to San Francisco for training. He served aboard a destroyer, a hospital ship, and the battleship Idaho for two years. He played on his ship's winning basketball team. Meanwhile he took a special course in Electronics. His whole tour of service totaled more than 92,000 miles of travel at sea. Brother Banks moved to Oakland in 1927 where he met and married Olenna Christopherson in 1928.

Brother Banks became interested in the L. D. S. Church, through the efforts of Harry Fletcher, and was baptized on July 2, 1938, becoming Scout Master of Troop 46 the same year. In 1941 he was appointed General-Secretary of the Ward Boy's Leadership Committee, and in 1944 was called on a Stake Mission. During this time he baptized five converts and three children. He also served as one of the Seven Presidents of the 273 Quorum of Seventies until June, 1946. He is now a member of the Bishopric.

Mark Burrows, former member of the Bishopric, and his family will make their home in Provo, Utah.

Herman Uffins has been called to fulfill a mission in the Netherlands, his native home.

A big Ward watermelon bust and social will mark the opening of Mutual, September 10th.

A splendid program commemorating the 68th Anniversary of the Primary Organization was presented Sunday evening, August 4th.

### HERBERT A. VAN NOYS EXPANDS HARDWARE BUSINESS

Elder Herbert A. Van Noys of Dimond Ward is the active member of the Hardware firm of Maltby and Van Noys, doing an excellent business in three thriving stores in the East Bay. These stores are located at 5601 College Ave., and 1919 Webster Street, Alameda, and under the old name of Hill Hardware, Maltby and Van Noy operate a store at 1775 Solano Avenue, Berkeley. H. A. Van Noy has been a very helpful consultant to The Messenger on its business policies from the beginning, and was formerly its business manager.

## Plain Realty Advice

**By An Oakland Stake Real Estate Dealer**

Do you know "Curt" Bybee of Maxwell Park Ward, President there of the Y. M. M. I. A.? Well, he's also behind the counter at the Bybee Realty Company out at 2808 38th Avenue, Oakland. I had a conversation with "Curt" last week about people who are thinking of buying or selling real estate at the present time, and I came up with sober advice:

"In the matter of Real Estate it's my opinion," he said, "that no one should plan to sell his property, especially property he is living in, unless one of the following conditions exist:

"1. It is necessary to move from the community.

"2. Other property is owned that can be used for a dweling.

"3. Anolther suitable place has been obtained **before** the home is placed on the market.

"Remember it is difficult to come out ahead just by selling and expecting to purchase another nearly as nice unless that home is spotted and tied up. The best advice I can give, then, is 'DON'T SELL UNLESS YOU HAVE TO.'

"And perhaps we should say, also, 'DON'T BUY UNLESS YOU HAVE TO.' Many veterans have consulted us about buying at the present time. We have sold many veterans homes, and generally they are well satisfied, but I'd like to talk with every L.D.S. veteran who intends to buy a home in this area. I think I can give him a better understanding of the whole situation than he had before, and possibly a few new angles on it."

Elder Bybee has been in the bay region for the last ten years with his wife, Mary Shurtleff, whom he came to visit (who used to live with her fine mother in Dimond Ward), but married; then he settled here. He and Mary have two lovely little girls and one little "Curt." Curtis Bybee isn't bashful about what he thinks is a fine connection, an agency for The Utah Home Fire Insurance Company of Salt Lake City, but he hastened to add that he is also an insurance broker and can place insurance in any company.

Curtis' father is a real estate dealer in San Francisco. It's a case of like father, like son, and we all wish them all the best in the world.


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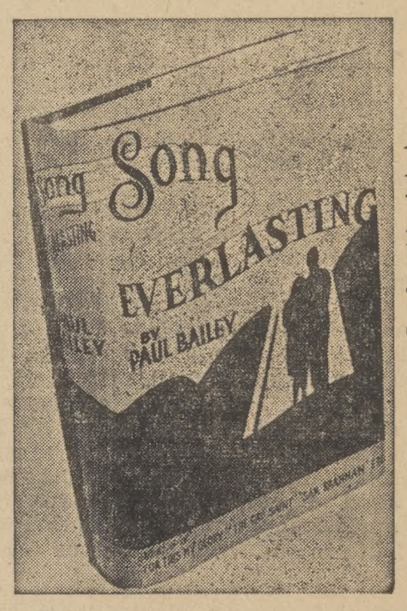


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## Boy Scout News

**BERKELEY WARD**

Scorning the low-level route home from Stinson Beach, seven members of the Summer Patrol, Berkeley Ward, Troop 8, ate a late lunch at Bootjack Camp and gazed down on the clouds touching off the deep blue of the bay. There had been lots of fun in that Friday, and Saturday, July 19-20 Scout outing. There was the ferry ride to San Quentin on Friday, knowing that the whole trip was still ahead; sleeping in the troop's new nylon tents Friday night; collecting sand-dollars on the beach Saturday morning while the lazybones ACM snored in his sack; the six-mile ride from Tamalpais to Mill Valley during the course of which "Zeek" Allen's bike brakes got so hot they melted all the grease away. Be the highlight what it may, the patrol will have some good stories to tell the rest of the troop. And maybe by that time the great tragedy of the trip, the loss of Ted Baer's super collection of sand dollars, will be more or less forgotten or forgiven.

Scouts who made the trip on the 19th and 20th of July were: Denzel Allen, Ted Baer, Dick Baer, John Franz, Marlo Anderson, and Phil Eyring. Assisting Scoutmaster Bob Johnson was in charge.

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## Stockton Ward News

On July 17, in fulfilment of the Church Welfae Assignment, the Priesthood Quorum of the Stockton Ward turned out in a body to harvest the five acre patch of potatoes which had been planted and cultivated as a general Priesthood project. The venture was a fine success. The church requirements of four hundred sacks or approximately 41,000 pounds were loaded into a church truck and sent to Salt Lake City. The balance of the crop was sold locally, netting a healthy balance in cash to be used to finance the next project. The Relief Society, under the direction of Sister Vernice Ricks, has also completed its Welfare Assignment. The long list of articles made by the sisters will be put on display shortly, so the ward members may realize what the Relief Society is actually doing toward making the Church Welfare Plan a success.

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Within the next two months four young people from this ward will be on their way to the mission field. Richard I. Ricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. Ricks, is leaving for Australia. Don Driggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Golden Driggs, goes to the Northern States. Marcella Kid and Betty Scott, two of the Wards most popular yound ladies, will be assigned to missions within the United States and Canada. Other young misionaries are scheduled to leave within the next few months. This speaks well for the revival of the missionary spirit.

—E. A. Ricks


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## What's News in 'The Church News'

**NEW MISSION HEAD**

Elder Alma Sonne, assistant to the Council of the Twelve, has been called to succeed Elder Ezra Taft Benson as president of the European Mission. Elder Sonne, who is a prominent banker, business man and church leader, has served as assistant to the Twelve since 1941. He is president of the First National Bank of Logan, a former bishop and Stake president, and has been president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club and of the Regional Welfare Committee in Cache Valley. Mrs. Sonne is also a very alert and charming person, a gifted speaker.

**A FLOOD AT MT. PLEASANT**

A disastrous flood of water and mud that inundated two Wards in Mt. Pleasant, gave an opportunity to the Welfare Organization of the Church to swing into action. The story is a gripping one, told in Church News of August 3 with eight pictures of the Welfare Workers helping in the emergency. Marion G. Romney, assistant manager of the Welfare Work of the Church, directed the work, which not only cleared out the mud from the homes, but fed and cared for the needy and the workers, and has planned to carry on and help the Saints in trouble to refurnish their homes and to loan them money as they may need it, or give financial assistance outright where that is necessary. The story is interesting and heartening. What a Church!

Why not read all the church news in the "Church News" while it's news every week? Order through your Ward book dealer. About a nickel a week!

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**VITAL STATISTICS**

**BIRTHS**

**Claremont Ward**

Margaret Louise, born August 8, to Ernest and Margaret Stephens Ahlborn.

**East Richmond Ward**

James, born July 8, to James and Dorothy Adams Weeks.

**Richmond Ward**

Michael, born June 22 to Willard and Grace Kirk.

Marlin Frank, born May 8 to Frank and Pearl Brown.

Judith Ann, born May 2, to Jerrold and Dorothy Weaver.

**DEATHS**

Sister Minafred M. Ebersole, Dimond Ward, July 8.

Brother Thomas W. Booth, Maxwell Park Ward, July 6.

Infant daughter of Brother and Sister Harvey Hansen, Maxwell Park Ward, July 8.


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## Dimond Ward News

At the August Fast meeting, Minnie Osburn was confirmed a member of the Church, through the diligence of the Stake missionaries.

Sunday, August 4, the Sea Gull class held graduation exercises and presented a playlet as the final activity of their Primary years.

Sister Daniels, her husband, and two younger children went to Ogden recently to attend the funeral of her father. Marvin Daniels is welcomed home after two years in Japan as a Marine.

Helen and Junius Payne were here for a few days on a business trip. They are living in Provo where they left their two daughters.

The H. A. Van Noy and Homer Fornoff families recently returned from an enjoyable trip to Utah. Stake President Eugene Hilton and family are on their way home, accompanied by son John, who has returned to civilian life. They also stopped to see their son Lynn, who is a missionary in the New England States. Max and Betty were housekeepers while their parents, Rose and Elmer Clark, spent a pleasant vacation in Los Angeles visiting relatives.

Ward Teachers PLEASE do your WARD teaching and turn in reports. We would like to reach 100 per cent.

Carman Stephens has been selected as Manual counselor for the Y. W. M. I. A.

Dan Fernsten is a District President in the Southern States Mission. It would be nice if his friends wrote to him occasionally. His address is: Claude D. Fernsten, 485 N. Ave., N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. In fact, all our missionaries would appreciate letters. Secure addresses from the Bishop.

Saturday, August 31, is the Baptismal service in Oakland Ward. Parents please note the date.

Neil Christensen, former missionary in Argentina and just discharged from the Navy, is home and started to Cal August 5. Louis Boyle and family spent a carefree two weeks in Provo recently. Dee Smith and family have been vacationing in Idaho and Dee is about ready to go back to school in the Fall.

Ward news invited by your reporter, Joyce Hilton.

## Sacramento Stake News

Pine Croft Lodge, situated between Auburn and Colfax, has been rented for a week by the Stake M. I. A. for a Beehive Camp. The Beehive Girls, the Junior Girls, the recently graduated girls from Primary, and their class leaders, about seventy in all, left on the morning of August 10 for a week in the mountains. Open air services were held Sunday morning on Zepher Point. The girls will spend the week hiking, swimming, eating, sleeping, and at various sports and crafts. The Stake Bee Keepers, Zella Welch and Valois Nelson, are in charge of the camp. The Wards participating are Roseville, Arcade, Sutter, Homestead and Sacramento.

A new Sunday School has been recently organized at Turlock, just south of Modesto. Stake Superintendent Halph Hill says that the attendance so much surpassed expectations, and is growing so rapidly, that they have hopes that it will soon become an independent Branch.

Stake President Stephen E. Busath, accompanied by his wife and two sons, Charles and Alan, has recently returned from a vacation to Utah and the Yellowstone Park. While in Utah they attended the wedding of Brother Busath's niece in the St. George Temple. They visited Sunday, August 4 at Berkeley services.


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## *Oscar, Victor and President Barton*

All in one July week came three short commendations of The Messenger—and one straight-from-the-shoulder call for less errors. All appreciated very much! (But, on the side, I have an idea the straight-from-the-shoulder one-two is going to count for good about as much as all three kind notes. What do you think?)

Oscar Kirkham said: "The Messenger came with many good messages. Thanks! Now forward with courage and wisdom. You have both. A live opportunity to build morale in Northern California is before you. Give us editorials each issue—your personal gift. The pen is mightier than the sword. Wield it with spirit and power that the sword may soon be used no more."

And then came Victor's letter. You know Victor. Everybody knows Victor Lindblad, efficient, cheery, wise Scout Executive of the Berkeley-Contra Costa Area: "Accept my enthusiastic commendation on the manner in which you publish 'The Messenger' . . . The coverage is excellent, the make-up very good, and the articles well written, informative and interesting."

Finally we heard from J. Byron Barton, the brand-new Stake president of the "latest remains" of the original San Francisco Stake, and a gentleman's gentleman (we know; we had a fine interview with him in his large office in the U. S. Housing Authority offices). He said by letter: "May I compliment you on the issues of the 'Messenger' which have come to my attention . . . as a church . . . we have not always put our messages in print so that they might be preserved . . . May you continue to be successful."

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I had decided to visit the "Lura Glo Lab" anyway, particularly to discover what "Doc" Johnson could do for my V-garden tanned hide. So here we are, ladies and gentlemen, in Lloyd's self-built west Oakland story and a half structure; and also the huge packing sheds full of car-lots of 60-gallon drums of famous lanolin oils and other rarities; and sky-high stacks of boxes full of bottles destined eventually for "my ladies" dressing table. And when I left via the office where presides gracious and efficient Mrs. Johnson, my brief case had stowed therein gift bottles of shampoo for my snow-white tresses, and a coveted bottle of "Formula-4" for "the little missus."

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Good luck Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd from all your California friends. May all things "Lura-Glo" flourish well and grow and may Formula-4 triumph evermore.

## *No. California Mission News*

During the month of July the Northern California Mission had the services of eleven extra Missionaries who were enroute to the Hawaiian Islands. These Elders were waiting for transportation. They are: John E. Anderson, Salt Lake City, Utah; John N. Baird, Draper, Utah; Theodore H. Greaves, Salt Lake City, Utah; Jack L. Halverson, Salt Lake City, Utah; Dale A. Harrison, Salt Lake City, Utah; Cleon M. Kotter, Idaho Falls, Idaho; Elton Littlewood, Salt Lake City, Utah; Glenn S. Smith, Globe, Arizona; Douglas W. Welti, Salt Lake City, Utah; Claude L. Westenskow, LeGrande, Oregon; Clarence M. White, Tabiona, Utah.

President German E. Ellsworth called a report meeting of these Elders at the Mission Home in San Francisco, Monday, July 29th on the completion of their work in this Mission. It was very inspirational to hear their testimonies and the work they had accomplished under the direction of their more seasoned companions in various parts of this Mission. They have recently returned from the battle fronts, and were anxious to get back into the Mission field to battle another foe of light and truth.

The Mission office staff was at the dock to bid "farewell" and "God speed" to the boys as they sailed on the "Marine Falcon" Wednesday, July 31, 1946.

Elders Frank Wood and Erwin A. Standing of Salt Lake City also sailed on the same ship, enroute to the Australian Mission for two years. They were both students at the U. of U. and are eager to be about "their Father's business." They visited with Elder Standing's Uncle, Paul B. Braby and family of Berkeley Ward. Paul is one of the Presidents of Seventy of the Oakland Stake. Russell J. Standing, secretary of The Northern California Mission, is also an uncle to Elder Standing.

Sister Mathias F. Cowley of Salt Lake City, accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Laura Brossard, visited the Mission Home prior to sailing for Hawaii. Mrs. Brossard is the wife of Edgar B. Brossard, President of Washington Stake, Washington, D. C.

Elders Spencer W. Kimball and Matthew Cowley of the Quorum of Twelve Apostles accompanied by their wives returned from an extended visit to the Hawaiian and Central Pacific Missions, Friday, August 2, on the Matsonia. Elder and Mrs. Kimball disembarked at Los Angeles and Elder and Mrs. Cowley proceeded to San Francisco where they were met at the Matson Line dock by President German E. Ellsworth and Secretary Russell J. Standing. Both of these Apostles left for Salt Lake City the day they arrived on the coast.

During the month of July, District Conferences have been held at Eureka, Redwood District; Watsonville, Monterey Bay District; and at Hanford, Porterville and Chowchilla in the Fresno District. A good representation from the Mission office attended these Conferences. Sixty-five full-time Missionaries are laboring in the Northern California Mission at the present time.

## *Richmond Ward News*

We welcome two new families to our Ward, Clyde and Nola Sullivan and infant son of Provo, Utah (Clyde will be our teacher trainer and Nola librarian for the Sunday School); and Larry and Kay Amundsen and baby son. Both Clyde and Larry are attending the University at Berkeley.

H. A. Nielsen, who has been in the Richmond Hospital for the past few weeks in a critical condition, is home improving. Howard Haines is also just home from the hospital.

Mollie Richardson, Mother of Virgie Stanger, died recently in the Richmond Hospital and was taken to American Falls, Idaho for burial.

Lucy Morley, away for two months in Grantsville caring for her mother, is home again with her family.

The M. I. A. is planning an "Old Timer" dance August 23. Let's plan to attend.

The 5th Quorum of Elders had a pot-luck supper and party on August 9th.

Burtis and Beryl Case are going to Salt Lake City to be married in the temple this week. They will be accompanied to Utah by the Clyde Sullivans.

### SO. PACIFIC MISSION'S BUILDING NEEDS ARE STUDIED

Interesting visitors in July were Frank J. Fullmer and Alma G. Burton, returning from a ten weeks visit and survey of Church building needs in our South Pacific Missions, Samoan, Tahitian, and Tongan. These two brethren, building contractor and lumber dealer respectively, and both formerly Pacific Island Mission Presidents, are to make a special report and recommendations to the First Presidency for needed improvements. Among items mentioned by these two brethren were the fact that steamship and airplane scredules to these three far-off island Missions are not yet stabilized since the war. Moreover the various branches visited are looking forward to the time when our missionaries will again be found among them in the usual numbers. Much Church building is evidently needed, also, to adequately house the activities of the Church in these Pacific Missions. "These Pacific Island Missions stand today facing a new era of growth and virility", said Elder Fullmer.

President Oscar A. Kirkham of the Council of Seventy is scheduled to tour the Mission the latter part of August and the first part of September. President Kirkham is a prominent church man and Scout Executive, and in 1945 was appointed associate Regional Executive of Region 12, comprising California, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, and the Hawaiian Islands. On five dfferent occasions he served as Chief Morale Officer at world Scout jamborees.

Largely through his efforts the percentage of its boys enrolled in Scouting in the Mormon Church is larger than in any other religious body.

## *Pittsburg Ward News*

To commemorate the arrival in Salt Lake Valley of the Mormon Pioneers, Pittsburg turned out en masse to stage a miniature trek across some actual plains located near Antioch. A covered wagon, laboriously constructed by the M. I. A., led the procession which ended in Wyoming where they met Sam Brannan. Lunches were patterned after those eaten by the original pioneers and the evening was topped with old-time songs and dancing.

A group of 45 young people of Pittsburg Ward met at the home of Brother and Sister E. C. Hinckley to hear Brother Isaac Ball encourage them to adhere to the principles of the Gospel so that active futures in the Church may be assured.

Pittsburg Elders and their partners met at the home of Merlin Roche to honor Brother and Sister W. L. Johnson who will leave very shortly for Idaho to make their home.

The Masonic Hall in Pittsburg was the scene of a tremendously successful Ward dinner and more funds for the Stake Tabernacle were raised. Many people, not members of the Church, were contributors. The dinner was prepared by the faithful women of the Relief Society and served by the young ladies of the Ward. A whole calf for the occasion was donated by Cecil L. Kenner of Oakley.

Servicemen at Camp Stoneman have a new group leader, following the transfer of Lynn Fluckiger to Fort Benning. Ralph Jack is the organization head now and his counselors are to be selected soon. Activities are still going on in this group with a gathering twice a week.


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## Berkeley Ward News

Sister Effie Southgate, former member of our Ward, and her cousin, Lily-May Croth, are here visiting the Stanley Pattons. President and Sister Lorin Jones have been visiting briefly with J. Ed Johnson and family on their way back to El Paso, Texas, where President Jones will resume his duties as head of the Spanish-American Mission.

Friends of Bishop and Sister Denzel C. Allen were happy to hear of the marriage of their daughter, Alice Mae, to Kay Mills of Salt Lake. They are now living in Pleasanton while he is stationed at Stockton.

Diary of a serviceman for July with the Patton's interesting group Sundays:

7th: The Scott Dunhams were hosts at their home for a garden party. After lunch we listened to some records from their very fine collection.

14th: We all had our fill at a watermelon bust.

21st: Since I am from the Rocky Mountains I particularly enjoyed the very interesting talk that Bro. Ball gave on "The Mormons in California."

28th: I had a good time at the big celebration for both Pioneer Day and the centenial of the landing of the Mormon ship "Brooklyn" in San Francisco. We went to the public library at Bancroft after lunch to see all their old Mormon manuscripts and papers.

The Reams of Berkeley are newly home after touring the picture spots of the west for a month. First came the Dunford family reunion in Salt Lake; then the natural wonder of Yellowstone; the man-made marvels of the famous Presidents at Mt. Rushmore in the Black Hills of So. Dakota; Winnipeg and Cardston in Canada; majestic Crater Lake and Glacier National Park, and finally the gigantic Grand Coulee Dam. Now home once again with their memories, the Reams tell their friends what they like best about the whole trip: "We visited four Temples before we had to come home."

Harper Stoneman, so well known here as a serviceman with a golden voice, was given a farewell in Salt Lake City recently on his departure for the British Mission. He was running the Stoneman Grocery Store when called. He also was a soloist with the Tabernacle Choir. Royal S. Jensen, also well loved here, sang at the farewell.

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## Alameda Ward News

Approximately fifty dollars was raised by the Gleaners at the Basket Social given August 5. The proceeds will pay for a dance orchestra for the "Story Book" Character Ball which is to be given on August 26. Lorna Pierce, Gleaner Supervisor, is in charge of the affair.

Former Bishop John G. Rooks, Vice President and General Manager of the Alameda Chamber of Commerce, has been in Southern California for the past week as an instructor at the C. of C. Institute for Executives, sponsored by the Universities of Southern California, Oregon and Nevada.

New officers have been sustained in the Sunday School during the month: Connie Dunford, Secretary; Gaylene Clayson, Assistant Secretary; Dorothy Lane, Librarian.

Wayne McKinley and Lucille Scow have been chosen as Activity Counselors in the Mutual organizations. Mary Dunn, Primary President and Counselors, have been released. New officers are Gaynel Miller, President; Maurine Gubler and Marie Smith, Counselors.

Bishop Thys Winkel conducted funeral services for Mrs. Guendolyn Wilde on July 31.

## Napa Ward News

The annual Relief Society "Brunch" was held at the Waterworks Picnic Grounds with thirty in attendance. It was delightful cooking on the outdoor grill with many cooks, but "no broth to spoil." The feature of the program was the relation of "my most embarrassing moment."

The grounds at Oak Lake were fairly well filled on July 24th, with a group of Saints commemorating the coming of the early settlers into the Salt Lake Valley. At 7:00 o'clock tables were loaded with good things to eat and a fine program was rendered afterwards, the group gathering around the open fireplace to enjoy pioneer songs and stories. Fred Reeder of the M. I. A. was master of ceremonies.

Races, games and a boxing tournament furnished entertainment during the afternoon, followed by a picnic supper and community singing, at the Sunday School outing at Fuller Park, August 10th.

Primary graduation exercises on August 4th were exceptionally well presented. Primary President, Ada Baxter, is to be commended for a successful season's work.

As an expression of love and appreciation for seven year's faithful services, Brother and Sister Hiram N. Pitcher were guests of honor at a testimonial party on July 31st. A beautiful floor lamp and a mirror were presented to them on behalf of the Ward by Bishop J. L. Murdock.

Wayne Devereaux and wife (nee Melba Soper) were "surprised" at a party given at the home of Brother Olive. The young couple are leaving to attend school in Idaho. Wayne served in the U. S. Navy during the war.

Once again Oak Park Lake, on August 4, was the scene of an impressive baptismal servise for one adult (a convert) and five children.

## Hayward Ward News

Gwendolyn Millet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Millet of Hayward will leave soon to take a position in Vienna, Austria.

During the war years she served with a Red Cross Recreational unit in Italy and traveled extensively to the European continent and in the Holy Land. Recently she was with the Hayward Farm Bureau Information Service.

Girls of the Ward sponsored a Candle-light Bazaar Saturday, August 3rd on the back lawn of La-Priele Price's home. Mrs. Price is advisor for the young girls group. Gayly colored booths dotted the garden; home-made articles of clothing and food were sold. A "fish-pond" proved enticing for the young and some of the older ones.

Tastefully decorated tables decked the lawn for serving hot sandwiches and pie. Proceeds were given to the Building Committee for the Chapel Fund.

WE'D LIKE YOU TO MEET: Our Bishop's Second Counselor, Ross McClellan. D. Ross is medium build, dark, quick, with a good business head, and one who takes his calling seriously and devotes much of his time to church pursuits. He spent his mission in the Spanish American field and still enjoys singing hymns in Spanish. His wife, Margaret, is the daughter of former Bishop Stewart. They have four children.

## MESSENGER TO NO. CAL. MISSION BRANCH AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Responding to the very kind invitation of President German E. Ellsworth, the 42 Branches and the seven District President of the Northern California Mission will be placed on the mailing list of The Messenger.

President Ellsworth's hearty letter of August 7, goes on to say: "We have appreciated your fine efforts in putting forth this publication, and believe that it is a medium for love and understanding to the Latter-Day Saints and friends to whom it is sent . . . If posible we would like to have a copy of The Messenger go to each of our Branch Presidents and two copies come to the Mission office." The Messenger is glad to respond and to do as here requested.

Perhaps the Messenger readers will be interested in the list of the 42 organized Branches in The Northern California Mission. They are Alturas, Ashland, Arcata, Auburn, Avenal, Brookings, Chowchilla, Coalinga, Corning, Cottonwood, Etna, Eureka, Fresno, Fresno East, Fresno North, Gilroy, Grants Pass, Hanford, Hydesville, Ione, King City, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Los Gatos, Medford, Merced, Mt. Hebron, Oakdale, Orland, Pacific Grove, Petaluma, Placerville, Porterville, Red Bluff, Redding, Salinas, San Rafael, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Sunnyvale, Ukiah, Visalia, Watsonville.

These 42 Branches are grouped into seven Districts which are El Dorado, Fresno, Klamath, Monterey Bay, Redwood, Santa Rosa, Shasta. Several of the 42 Branches meet in their own chapels just like Wards in Stakes, and all the others have suitable rented halls and rather complete organizations. Stories of their outstanding activities are solicited by The Messenger. **Every such account is an impetus to others in this great work of human redemption. Feel free to appoint regular Messenger reporters in each District or even in any Branch.**

## Harmony Hills Ward News

A cooperative colony of young married Latter-Day Saints on a thousand acres of land near Holister, California, is now being formed among families in the Oakland Stake. The name of the project is The Harmony Hills, Inc.

To date, ten or a dozen families have signed agreements, legal papers have been drawn, the land purchased for $12,000 and a generator plant is being installed. On the land is a young orchard, a 90-foot well with wind and power pumps, three springs, and roads to open up the land to use.

Most decidedly it is not an attempt to revive the United Order, but is more in the spirit of the Church Welfare Program. Each family will receive a 99-year lease to a large homesite upon which it is planned, crops may be grown about the home, and such things as a cow, fowls, and a pig may be kept. The rest of the land will be kept in the cooperative for the benefit of all.

Again decidedly it is not planned to make a living on the land for the members, it being range land largely, though some and perhaps much may be put into such crops as walnuts on hill side terraces. How then are the members to make a living? They will carry on their private businesses and employments in the nearby towns of Hollister, San Juan (it is six miles from famous San Juan Bautista, (the old mission), Salinas, Gilroy, or even Monterey, and San Jose, an hour's drive away.

The heart of the plan is to create a harmonious environment for L. D. S. families, and at the same time to cooperate for mutual welfare. Each will help, for instance, in the erection of homes, trading hours of labor. A chapel will be one of the first structures erected, and it is planned eventually to have their own school.

Counsel of the proper authorities has been secured, though in no sense is the project fostered or promoted by the Church. The names of the families so far signed for Harmony Hills are Willard Aston, Glenn Terry, Eldred Holdaway, Darrow McCarthy, Ivan Pearson, Phil Pearce, Wendell Grow, and Merle Stanfield.

Ye editor has been over the property, read the Prospectus and talked with the fine young families who are now entering into this interesting Harmony Hills Cooperative. A printed prospectus is available. Question and answer meetings are held in Dimond Chapel Sundays after evening services.

The old Psalm comes to mind: "How pleasant and how good it is for brethren to live together in unity."

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## Gridley Stake News

After four years of faithful service, Bishop Clinton E. Cox, of Oroville Ward was released on July 21st, together with his two counselors, Neil L. Hagen and Jesse W. Morris. Elder Leslie L. Robertson was sustained as the new Bishop, with Neil L. Hagen as First and Milton J. Snowball as Second Counselors.

July 28th the Stake M. I. A. executives were changed: Gwendolyn Bushman was released as President, and U. John Fox as Superintendent. Robert L. Fife was sustained as Superintendent, with Reuben A. Jensen and Merwin Mitchell as counselors. Etta S. Todd as President, with Norma B. Fife and Mardell Horn as counselors.

The entire Stake membership are to be guests of Chico Branch and Oroville Ward in Chico at the famous Bidwell Park on August 24. Games, swimming, dancing, and of course, many good eats are the main scheduled program events. You are invited, too.

Plenty of hot weather is here to ripen the peaches and keep the oil liquid that is being applied to the welfare machinery at Yuba City and Liberty Ward plants. By the time you read this the Stake welfare workers hope to have a good portion of those Golden Cling peaches in the can to fulfill our Stake assignment.

## Shasta District News

**By Elsie Johnson Wortley**

Lawrence Wortley was made President of the Shasta District of the Northern California Mission at a recent District Conference. He succeeds C. W. Burningham who has moved to Klamath Falls.

Very interesting 24th of July exercises were held in the Corning City Park Sunday morning, July 28. President German T. Ellsworth and Franklin Richards spoke to the Saints reminding them of the great heritage that has come to them through the examples set by the pioneers. Splendid musical numbers were supplied by the various branches. A "pot-luck" dinner followed the program. The Branches participating were Redding, Red Bluff, Corning, Orland and Cottonwood.

The Redding Branch has begun work on its new chapel. Federal authorities have given permission to go ahead with the foundation and basement. It is hoped that when that is completed permission will be granted to finish the building. Theodore Ruegg is the architect and Lawrence Wortley is the superintendent of the construction.

## Professional Men in Oakland Stake

**Sketch of Bishop Denzel Allen**
**By Robert G. Larsen**

To us he is Bishop Allen of the Berkeley Ward. At the California Packing Corporation where Denzel works as chemist and bacteriologist his ecclesitstical title, though somewhat modified, still lingers; there is is "Deacon" Allen. He would thus seem to have achieved a blending of profesisonal and church carers which few of us succeed in doing.

As is characteristic of industrial research, relatively little of the work done is published or known to the outside world. However, we can tell of Bishop Allen's work on recovering the waste sugar in sugar cane molasess. From laboratory studies a commercial method was developed and Bishop Allen was sent, first to the Philippines and later to Santo Domingo, to place the process in operation. He frequently travels to various company plants to solve troublesome problems.

Denzel was born in 1900 at Lewiston, Utah; his father was a school teacher who supplemented his income by farming, at which Denzel's early youth was spent. His advanced schooling, which began at Brigham Young College in Logan, was interrupted by a mission to the Southern States under President Callis in 1920-22, and then continued at the Utah State Agriculture College. While Ward teaching at Logan he met Miss Veda Stewart Anderson, daughter of J. M. Anderson, co-owner of the Morgan Canning Company; after more intensive "Ward teaching" they were marired in 1925. The Allens came to California in 1926 where Denzel began his employment with the California Packing Corporation while attending the University of California from which he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1928.

Denzel has been a Sunday School Superintendent in Berkeley Ward, member of the first M. I. A. Presidency of the old San Francisco Stake, and Counselor to two Bishops. In his spare time he helped raise two fine children, Alice May and Denzel, Jr. He gives his wife Veda much of the credit for whatever he has achieved, and we all have enjoyed and admired the hospitality and congeniality of their home.

## Maxwell Park News

While Hannah Rowe is on her vacation, Joyce Briscoe and Ruth Williams have taken her job of reporting.

Primary Ward Conference was held Sunday night, August 4th. Congratulations to our five graduates. We wish them lots of luck in M. I. A. this fall.

Speaking of the M. I. A., our Ward and Elmhurst have enjoyed two delightful outings. On July 30th we held a swimming party at Dimond pool. On August 6th this same group held a corn roast at Sequoia Park. They were unusual treats and all said, "We should do this more often!"

We'd like to welcome three new members into our church. They are Frances and Shirley Henderson and Marjory Harris. We hope they wil grow in the Gospel into which they were confirmed on August 4th.

We are happy to announce the birth of a boy to Carl and Gerry Larsen. Congratulations on their fourth child.

## Pacific Art Exhibit

The Pacific Art Exhibit set for October, 1946 is developing satisfactorily under the direction of a committee composed of Von T. Ellsworth, Dr. Emery Ranker, Elmer Clark, J. Ed Johnson, Manson Moody, Tom Pine, William H. Evans, chairman, and Delbert E. Wright of the Stake Presidency.

Members of the Church in this region are invited to join in the spirit of this commendable project. It is desired to bring out all the western art possible. All western artists, irrespective of affiliations, are specifically invited to participate in The Pacific Art Exhibit. Let those who can pass the word on to the art teachers in the public schools and colleges hereabout.

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